

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the specification as set forth below:**

**Page 24, last full paragraph:**

Next, the reinforcing ring 96 which is fit in the reel hub 60 will be described. The reinforcing ring 96 is formed ~~is formed~~ in the shape of a short, hollow cylinder which is slightly shorter than the tubular portion 60A of the reel hub 60. An annular flange portion 96A extends outwardly in the radial direction from the top end portion of the reinforcing ring 96. The reinforcing ring 96 is fixed to the reel hub 60 in a state in which the reinforcing ring 96 is inserted in the tubular portion 60A and the flange portion 96A engages with a step portion 60C formed at the top end surface of the tubular portion 60A.

**Page 25, second full paragraph:**

The top end portion of the reel hub 60, which top end is open, is reinforced by the reinforcing ring 96. Owing to this reinforcement, the strength of the reel hub 60 in the radial direction in ~~particularly-particular~~ is improved, and the reel hub 60 can sufficiently resist the pressure of winding of the magnetic tape T.